

The most highly qualified members of this system are the secret "plenipotentiaries". Their work is to set up "black" departments at post offices with the aim of secret censorship of correspondence. Other specializations include: installation and operation of sound and recording apparatus in rooms occupied by diplomats, etc., listening to telephone conversations, forming of fictional offices and institutions for trapping the naive. As an example of this last specialty I mention the appearance of a fictional Brazilian Consulate in Charkow. Rumors were spread around that this diplomatic post helped anti-Communists to leave the Soviet Union. Many credulous people fell for this rumor and the consequences they suffered are easy to imagine. Secret "plenipotentiaries" and intelligence agents work in disguise as travelling officials of trust companies, department houses, etc.

The fourteen million Russians confined in labor camps and the many thousands in prisons represent the most vivid evidence of the achievement of this system of brother-watch-brother. And yet, in spite of all this, people still ask: "Why don't they rebel?"

—KRISTINA MOYSIAKHA '53.

SPRING

Soft, balmy winds from out the south do blow
 Scattering clouds so dark, threat'ning and low,
 Leaving white bellowing clouds in their wake,
 Like distant islands on a clear, blue lake.
 From out the sky, the sun sends forth his rays
 To warm the earth and light the coming days,
 To aid the rain in rousing dormant things
 From Winter's sleep to budding life of Spring.

—B. F., '52